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SUBJECT: CHINA EARTHQUAKE

PRC LIAISON OFFICE TODAY PHONED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
ARMSTRONG IN REPLY TO OUR EARLIER MESSAGE:

QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SYMPATHY FOR THE STRONG
EARTHQUAKE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE TANGSHAN-FENGAN,
HOPEI AREA OF OUR COUNTRY NOT LONG AGO. BUT THE
CHINESE PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS OVERCOME VARIOUS NATURAL
DISASTERS THROUGH SELF-RELIANCE, AND THE SAME HOLD
TRUE IN THE CASE OF THE CURRENT EARTHQUAKE. WE BELIEVE
THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE PEOPLE OF THE STRICKEN AREA,
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY,
WILL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO PREVAIL OVER THE LOSSES
SUSTAINED IN THE CURRENT EARTHQUAKE. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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